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SENATE BILL 2766

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 71, Chapter 5, Part 1, relative to pilot project for provision of managed home and community-based care for senior citizens.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 71-5-187, is amended by deleting that section in its entirety and substituting therefor the following:

(a) The commissioner of health shall enter into an agreement for a pilot project with the Tennessee Edenizing Foundation, Inc., involving managed home-based and community-based long-term care services for elderly citizens. The project shall provide services to elderly citizens to enable them to continue living in their community and their homes. It shall seek to demonstrate the degree to which managed home-based and community-based long-term care services for elderly citizens are successful in eliminating the need for, and the costs associated with, nursing facility placement. Participants will be evaluated to assess the need for services, and a case management plan developed for their ongoing medical care and provision of necessary services. The population served shall include lower income citizens. The project shall seek to determine the range, scope, duration, and intensity of services required by the elderly

citizens so that the project can be replicated on a statewide basis. The commissioner shall evaluate the project on an ongoing basis. There shall be a report on the cost of the project in relation to other forms of care. Such report shall address costs at the beginning, during and the end of the project. At appropriate times, the commissioner shall report the results of this evaluation to the general welfare, health and human resources committee of the senate and the health and human services committee of the house of representatives.

(b) The pilot project shall not be part of any federal waiver project which may currently exist in the department.

(c) The pilot project shall not require any allocation or appropriation of funds by the Tennessee General Assembly for its implementation.

(d) The provisions of this section shall not be construed to be an appropriation of funds, and no funds shall be obligated or expended pursuant to this section unless such funds are specifically appropriated by the general appropriations act.

(e) The pilot project provided in this section shall end on June 30, 2005.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.